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MARTIN H. GEYER (Munich)

will speak on

Writing the History of Financial Scandals and Capitalism in the Interwar Period

at the German Historical Institute London, Seminar Room
on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, at 5.30 p.m.

By looking at a series of interrelated financial scandals in Germany, Belgium, France, and the Netherlands, this lecture will raise questions that pertain to issues concerning democracy, capitalism, and the rise of fascism in the interwar period. In particular, it will focus on the challenges of historical representation vis-à-vis complicated technical details on the one hand, and an overabundance of political discourses, pictures, and conspiracy narratives on the other. It examines the opportunities and limitations of biographical approaches and, in particular, the issue of empathy.

Martin H. Geyer is Professor of Modern German History at the Ludwig Maximilian University Munich. He has worked and published widely on political scandals, the state of emergency in the interwar period, and political and social theories in the 1970s and 1980s. Among his books are *Verkehrte Welt. Revolution, Inflation und Moderne: München 1914–1924* (1998) and *Die Reichsknappschaft: Versicherungsreformen und Sozialpolitik im Bergbau 1900–1945* (1987). He is currently finishing a book on financial scandals in Germany, Belgium, France, and the Netherlands in the interwar period.

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This lecture will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the German Historical Institute,
17 Bloomsbury Square, LONDON WC1A 2NJ.
Tea is served from 5.00 p.m. in the Common Room, and wine is available afterwards.
Guided tours of the Library are available one hour before the lecture.